

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 4189–4211; 1 private bill, H.R. 4212; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 217, and H. Res. 943–949, were introduced. **Pages H13519–20**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H13520–21**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2652, to amend title 46, United States Code, to improve vessel safety, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–351);

H.R. 2650, to amend title 14, United States Code, to modernize the leadership of the Coast Guard and to modernize the administration of marine safety by the Coast Guard (H. Rept. 111–352);

H.R. 3224, to authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to plan, design, and construct a vehicle maintenance building at the vehicle maintenance branch of the Smithsonian Institution located in Suitland, Maryland (H. Rept. 111–276, Pt. 2); and

H.R. 3542, to direct the Architect of the Capitol to fly the flag of a State over the Capitol each year on the anniversary of the date of the State's admission to the Union, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–353). **Page H13519**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Pastor to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H13469**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 250 ayes to 169 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 925. **Pages H13469, H13480–81**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, December 2nd:

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Transportation Security Administration should enhance security against terrorist attack and other security threats to our Nation's rail and mass transit lines: H. Res. 28, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that the Transportation Security Administration should, in accordance with the congressional mandate provided for in the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, enhance security against terrorist attack and other security threats to our Nation's rail and mass transit lines, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 417 yeas to 3 noes, Roll No. 926 and **Pages H13481–82**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Transportation Security Administration should, in accordance with the congressional mandate provided for in the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 as well as other statutes, enhance security against terrorist attack and other security threats to our Nation's rail and mass transit systems and other modes of surface transportation." **Page H13482**

Satellite Home Viewer Update and Reauthorization Act of 2009: H.R. 3570, amended, to amend title 17, United States Code, to reauthorize the satellite statutory license and to conform the satellite and cable statutory licenses to all-digital transmissions, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 394 yeas to 11 noes, Roll No. 930. **Pages H13494–95**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To extend the statutory license for secondary transmissions under title 17, United States Code, and for other purposes." **Page H13495**

Permanent Estate Tax Relief for Families, Farmers, and Small Businesses Act of 2009: The House passed H.R. 4154, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the new carryover basis rules in order to prevent tax increases and the imposition of compliance burdens on many more estates than would benefit from repeal and to retain the estate tax with a \$3,500,000 exemption, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 200 noes, Roll No. 929. **Pages H13482–94**

Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Heller motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 186 noes, Roll No. 927. **Pages H13491–92**

Rejected the second Heller motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 187 yeas to 233 noes, Roll No. 928. **Page H13492**

Pursuant to section 2 of the rule, in the engrossment of H.R. 4154, the Clerk shall (1) add the text of H.R. 2920, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 4154; (2) conform the title of H.R. 4154 to reflect the addition to the engrossment of the text of H.R. 2920; (3) assign appropriate designations to provisions within the engrossment; and (4) conform provisions for short titles within the engrossment.